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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7849

BILL NUMBER: SB 631

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Costs Study of ISTEP Schedule Change.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Sipes

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Department of Education to study and submit a report to the General Assembly concerning the cost of moving the ISTEP testing date from the fall to the spring semester of a school year.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, the Department of Education would likely require extended consultation with the ISTEP examination vendor to develop a cost report to move ISTEP to the spring. The Department would likely require additional administrative time to complete the study. Barring that the Department did not contract with an outside service to research and prepare the report, the Department would likely be able to accomplish the provisions of the bill within existing resources.

Timing of Report: Under the bill, the Department would be required to present its report in electronic format to the General Assembly before November 1, 2005.

Background Department of Education: As of September 7, 2004, the Department of Education had 263 full-time staff members. For FY 2005, the Department has 272 budgeted full-time positions, 10 budgeted temporary positions, and 36 budgeted intermittent positions. The Department reverted \$4.3 M back to the state General Fund in FY 2004.

Background ISTEP: In FY 2005, \$39,210,450 was appropriated from the state General Fund and state Dedicated Funds for ISTEP+ testing and remediation. The appropriation also includes approximately \$7.9 M

from the federal government under the No Child Left Behind Act. Of the total appropriation, approximately \$17 M was distributed to eligible school corporations for preventative and regular remediation and approximately \$22.4 M was distributed for test development and administration.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State of Indiana, *List of Appropriations (July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005)*; Indiana State Budget Agency BUDSTARS system; DOE SAS AND ORACLE DATABASES; State of Indiana *HRM Detail Staffing Report 9/07/2004*; State Budget Agency: *General Fund, Property Tax Replacement Fund, Rainy Day Fund, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004*,

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